highways, will the Minister be having an agency at the State level or at the district level so that they can do it?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: As I have mentioned, it is not that all the States are bad. The intention of the Government is to cooperate and bring about a perfect system to construct good roads. The National Highways Authority will certainly have coordination with the State Governments. We will monitor the work placed under the responsibility of the State Governments. Some system is being worked out where we can monitor each other's efforts and where we can help each other to make good roads for the country.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister while replying said that there is no stated formula for bringing roads under national highway category. If that is so, I would like to know what the guidelines are according to which roads are declared national highways.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has just now stated the guidelines.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Part (b) of my question is this. Is it a fact that some of the national highways which are in existence, for instance the highway connecting Madras and Bombay through Dharmavaram, Anantapur, Oravakonda and Bellary, have been taken off the list and some other roads have been included from other places? If it is so, what is the reason for taking this national highway off the list?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, I have already explained the criteria which we consider before declaring any road as a national highway. The hon. Member may please repeat the second part of his question.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Is it a fact that the Madras-Bombay national highway which runs through Dharmavaram, Anantapur, Oravakonda and Bellary is taken off the list and it is no more a national highway? If it is so, what is the reason for it? When will you revive it?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, normally when a highway is made a national highway it is not again made a normal road or a State highway. I do not think it is possible. Anyhow, I will check up and inform the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Icreasing trade between South Africa, UK and Canada

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SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up the matter of increasing trade between South Africa, UK and Canada in the next Commonwealth meet; and

(b) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The question of imposition of sanctions against South Africa is expected to be a major item on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Governments in Kuala Lumpur in October, 1989. Among other issues the question of how to intensify existing sanctions and to universalise them will also be discussed. In this context, the Commonwealth Heads of Governments are expected to pronounce on further action in regard to those countries which have not imposed trade and other sanctions against South Africa and who continue to trade with South Africa.